

Moline and East Moline

CONTRACT FOR STORM DRAIN IS LET TO IOWA FIRM

East Moline Board Approves
Sewerage System—Agreed
for Last Year.

After 10 years of agitation and two years of real debate the East Moline board of local improvements in special session yesterday afternoon let the contract for the construction of a storm drain for \$270,000. The drain is to extend from First to Thirtieth streets and from the north limits of the city to the foot of the hill district. This includes the factory district near the river edge.

The contract was let to the National Engineering company of Des Moines, which gave figures on the job some time ago. Work on the drain is to begin at once. The contract will probably be completed by 1932.

Special assessments will be levied to meet the expense, bonds to be issued at 5 per cent, with the 10 year limit on payment. Assessments will be made on property owners living in this district.

The present city storm drain covers a larger area than the one proposed, but is of an old model and is not adapted to a city with the hillside conditions with which East Moline is confronted. The new drain has a larger capacity for water and will take care of the drainage coming from the hills.

Representatives of the National Engineering company explained the workings of the drain to the board of local improvements yesterday.

MOTOR APPLIANCE COMPANY SUE FOR CONTRACTS, REPORT

The Auto Speed Recorder company has filed two suits against the Motor Appliance company, each asking \$5,000 for alleged violation of contract.

Stockholders of the \$200,000 Brown motor company summoned in special session yesterday by Walter F. Brown, inventor of the engine which it was formed to manufacture, did not reach decision upon Mr. Brown's suggestion that the company be dissolved or buy outright his interests in the corporation.

The annual meeting is scheduled for the first week in January and a decision will probably be reached then. Almost all the stock is held by local investors who favor continuance of the company.

BANKERS TO MEET

W. C. Grant, president of the Mercer County Bankers' association, has called a meeting of the bankers for tonight at the city hall in Aledo. The purpose of the meeting, which will be in the form of a smoker, is to discuss adequate protection of the county banks. It is thought that the bankers may endorse a police bill for the protection of the country districts of Illinois.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

To the People of Rock Island, Moline and Vicinity—

We wish to announce that we have purchased the A. J. Coleman Market at 1513 Second ave., Rock Island, and the Daebelliehn Market at 2429 Sixteenth street, Moline.

Also we wish to announce that we will carry a full line of first class meats and home made sausage.

Having severed connection with the Milan Produce Co. we are now in a position to serve our friends and patrons.

We wish to thank our old customers for their past patronage and hope our new patrons will find us just as efficient in filling their needs.

We will have a complete line of poultry at all times.

Yours for Quality and Service,

E. VANDENBUSSCHÉ & SON

Phone R. I. 2 Moline 3100
Delivery Service

COMBINATION SALE

At Mercer County Sale Pavilion, Aledo, Illinois.
Tomorrow, Saturday, December 18, Commencing at 1 o'clock P. M. Sharp.

Horses of all kinds, fresh milch cows and springers, stock cows and calves, 6 head of ewes to lamb early, two of them having their lambs now, 25 pure bred Barred Rock cockerels and a number of Leghorns, cockerels and pullets.

Wagons, buggies, harnesses, including 2 good new sets of work harness, 2 with breeches and one without—handmade and good ones. Household goods, stoves, Ford auto, good closed buggy, etc. This will be the last big sale before the holidays. List your property at once with the sale manager or auctioneer.

COOL R. BOULTINGHOUSE & SON, Auctioneers.

F. W. JOHNSON, Clerk. TIM SMITH, Sales Manager.

Moline Lodges

Hilmar lodge No. 31, Ladies of Vikings, sponsored a bazaar last evening in the lodge rooms and today members are rejoicing over the success of the affair. The sum of \$150 was realized, which amount will go to the treasury of the lodge. Refreshments were enjoyed at the close of the session.

Members are urged to be present at the next meeting two weeks hence, for the installation of officers.

Belle K. camp, No. 102, R. N. A., enjoyed a social meeting last evening in the hall, a large number of members being on hand. Games and contests were played and Mrs. Myrtle Forslund was one of the prize winners.

The camp decided to donate \$5 to the Good Fellow fund. Announcement was made that the regular business meeting will be held the first Thursday in January. Refreshments climaxed the evening's diversions.

STEVEN ALBRECHT ELECTED TO HEAD MOLINE KIWANIS

Steven Albrecht was elected president of the Moline Kiwanis club at its annual meeting, this noon at the Moline Commercial club. He succeeds Mayor C. J. Skaner, first president of the local club.

Other officers of Kiwanis for the ensuing year will be:

Vice president—Roy Whiteside.
Treasurer—Joe Bodden.

Directors—J. C. Mergendoller, Henry T. Horst, Max D. Rosenfield, Leo Dolkart, E. H. Schner, C. L. Markee and Sam Hoffmann.

Office of secretary is filled by appointment and President Albrecht will probably announce his appointee at the next meeting of the club.

Report of the nominating committee, appointed last week, was adopted by unanimous vote. The committee included 12 members, headed by Sam Hoffmann, chairman.

ALLEGED BOOTLEG MAKER TOO HASTY

Rene Van Kollie, 328 Railroad avenue, arrested Wednesday afternoon after a fire in his home had disclosed illicit liquor manufacture, the police allege, might not have incurred loss of property had he been more discreet, it was explained today.

Van Kollie, Police Chief DeJaeger said today, had been marked for a police raid which had been deferred several days because he had to go to Peoria to testify in federal court in another case. "If Van Kollie had waited several days and not been so hasty, he wouldn't have had that fire," the chief explained.

The police charge that Van Kollie was distilling whisky when a fire terminated his operations and led to discovery by city firemen. It is also alleged that he has sold liquor in Moline.

YOUTH IS DIVORCED

Judge G. O. Dietz of Moline city court yesterday afternoon granted a divorce to Donald W. Birch, who charged Katie Birch with cruelty. They were married in March, this year. The suit was brought in the name of the father, H. W. Birch, as Donald Birch is a minor.

POLICE ASSIST ERRING COUPLE MEND MISTAKES

Leadway Toward Common Law
Wife and Man Attributed to Dependancy of Children.

Common law romance of Jules Blomme, Canadian of Swan Lake, Manitoba, and a married mother of five children, whom he brought recently to Moline to share his abode, was dispelled yesterday when the Moline police, at the instance of Police Magistrate Gustafson, put the woman on a train bound for New York state.

Blomme was arrested last week upon complaint of Canadian authorities, in which it was specified that Blomme had deserted his two small children in Swan Lake, and that his companion had left her husband and five children.

After his arrest Blomme was held pending further investigation. After the woman was seen safely aboard a train yesterday afternoon, the man was fined costs amounting to \$5.40 and given his freedom.

Leniency in this case, which is said to have involved grave charges, is attributed to the fact of minor children dependent upon the man and woman. The authorities waived prosecution and did all in their power to right the mistakes of the couple.

Blomme did not leave town, his sister in Swan Lake having agreed to care for his children. His late companion is said to have gone to visit relatives in New York, with the understanding that later she will send for her children.

MOLINE POLICE ARREST 13 MORE IN AUTO CRUSADE

Thirteen more motorists were arrested last night as result of the Moline police campaign for enforcement of the automobile lights law. Two of these were fined this morning.

Sixteen of those arrested Wednesday night were fined last night. The fines, plus costs levied by Magistrate Gustafson, amounted to \$4.40 in each. A total of \$79.80 was collected from the 18 defendants. Those arrested last night were:

Moline—Al Swartzworth, J. H. Mueller, Harold Nyquist, Arvin Flood, Earl Tarbox and Robert Evans.

Rock Island—H. H. Hoyer, J. E. Van-Tyler and R. A. Flum.

Davenport—H. H. Hamilton and C. W. Creel.

Silvis—W. C. Jones.

Moline—R. McConnell.

13 CASES ON TRIAL LIST FOR HEARING IN DIETZ' COURT

Thirteen cases are on the tentative trial list made public today by Judge G. O. Dietz of Moline city court, and may be tried in January. The exact date of calling a jury probably will depend somewhat on activities in the county and circuit courts.

Cases arising out of the railroad accident at Kewanee in 1919, as result of which Mr. and Mrs. George McMaster and Mrs. John Condo lost their lives, will not be tried at this time owing to the illness of Mr. Condo, the principal witness in the case.

In addition to those on the list a number of others may be tried, including the case of Auto Speed Recorder company versus the Motor Appliance company, and that of A. V. Esterdahl versus R. B. Lourie, and of the estate of Augusta Plambeck versus Otis Fleener.

CONDO IMPROVED; FRIENDS ALLOWED TO CALL ON HIM

Friends today were permitted to call upon John A. Condo, secretary of the Mutual Wheel company, Moline, whose left leg was amputated last week. Mr. Condo is at St. Anthony's hospital, Rock Island, as a result of injuries suffered near Kewanee, in August, 1919, when an automobile in which he was riding was struck by a train, killing his wife and Mr. and Mrs. George McMaster.

Hospital authorities reported that Mr. Condo is convalescing rapidly and that friends may call at specified times.

FIRE TRUCK MEETS WITH AN ACCIDENT

The gear shaft of the hose truck used at the Central department was broken yesterday as the truck was about to leave the station in answer to what was found to have been a false alarm at Seventeenth street and Fifteenth avenue.

Before the emergency truck pressed into service after the accident, had returned to the station, there was a call to fight a grass fire at Seventh street and Eleventh avenue, and the aerial truck, equipped with hose, responded.

TO HEAR LECTURE

First of a series of lectures on "Founders of the Republic" will be given at the Moline Y. M. C. A. at 8:15 this evening by H. P. Chaffee, industrial secretary of the association. Mr. Chaffee will consider the history of America from the founding of Jamestown to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The lectures are open to the public and no admission will be charged.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

WHEAT ADVANCE RESULTS FROM ACTIVE BUYING

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Active buying on the part of commission having seaboard connections, brought about a material advance in wheat prices today. It was inferred that the buying was to remove hedges against export sales. Upturns in foreign exchange rates tended also to strengthen the wheat market, and no too did reports of an effort to rush a wheat tariff bill through congress. Opening quotations, which ranged from 7c to 2 1/2c advance, with March 1.59 1/2 to 1.60 1/2 and May 1.53 1/2 to 1.54 1/2 were followed by decided gains all around.

The government crop report proved to be about as expected. Prices closed firm, 4 1/2c to 5 1/4c net higher with March \$1.64 to \$1.64 1/2, and May \$1.58 to \$1.58 1/2.

Corn ascended with wheat. After opening unchanged to 1/4c higher, including May at 68c to 68 1/2c, the market scored a moderate general upturn.

A big elevator interest bought heavily, and it was said considerable export business was under way. The market closed firm, 1 1/2c to 3 1/2c net higher, with May at 71c to 71 1/2c.

Oats were firm, influenced by the strength of other cereals; starting 1/4c off to 1/2c up, May 46 1/2c to 47c and then hardening for all deliveries.

Provisions reflected advances both in grain and hogs.

Chicago Cash Grain

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Wheat, No. 2 red, 2.03; No. 1 hard 1.78; No. 2 hard 1.79 1/2; No. 1 northern 1.74; No. 2 dark northern 1.75 1/2.

Corn, No. 3 mixed 66; No. 4 mixed 65 1/2; No. 3 yellow 73 1/2; No. 4 yellow 69 1/2; No. 5 yellow 68; No. 2 white 72; No. 3 white 68 1/2; No. 4 white 65 1/2; No. 5 white 64 1/2.

Oats, No. 2 white 47 1/2; No. 3 white 47 1/2; No. 4 white 46 1/2; No. 5 white 45 1/2.

Rye, No. 2, 1.55 1/2.

Barley, 66@91.

Timothy seed, 5.50@5.50.

Clover seed, 15.00@20.00.

Pork, nominal.

Lard, 13.42.

Ribs, 11.00@12.50.

Toledo Seed

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 17.—Clover seed: prime, cash (1919), 12.00; cash (1920), 12.10; December, 12.10; January, 12.20; February, 12.40; March, 12.55.

Timothy: prime cash (1919), 3.35; cash (1920), 3.45; December, 3.55; January, 3.57 1/2; February, 3.57 1/2; March, 3.60.

Money and Exchange

New York, Dec. 17.—Prime mercantile paper, 7 1/8 per cent.

Exchange: strong. Sterling: demand, 3.52 1/2; cables, 3.53 1/2; francs: demand, 6.07; cables, 6.09; Belgian francs: demand, 6.38; cables, 6.40; guilders: demand, 31.42; cables, 31.52; lire: demand, 3.54; cables, 3.55; marks: demand, 1.39; cables, 1.40; Greece: demand, 7.45.

New York exchange on Montreal, 14 13-16 per cent discount.

Government bonds, easy; railroad bonds, irregular.

Time loans, firm; 60 days and 90 days, 7 1/2 to 7 3/4 per cent; six months, 7 1/2.

St. Louis Cash Grain

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 17.—Cash wheat: No. 2 red winter, 2.07.

Corn: No. 4 white, 67c; No. 5, 65c.

Oats: No. 2 white, 48 1/2c; No. 3, 47c.

Kansas City Cash Grain

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 17.—Cash wheat: unchanged to 1/4c higher; No. 1 hard, 1.67 to 1.75; No. 2, 1.65 to 1.74; No. 1 red, 1.07; No. 2, 1.92 to 1.95.

Corn: unchanged to 2 cents higher; No. 2 mixed, 63 to 64c; No. 3, 61c; No. 2 white, 67c; No. 3, 65 1/2c; No. 2 yellow, 75c; No. 3, 70c.

Oats: unchanged; No. 2 white, 49c; No. 2 mixed, 45 to 46c.

Chicago Potatoes

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Potatoes: steady; receipts, 24 cars; Northern Whites sacked, \$1.35 to \$1.50 per cwt.

MAN PAYS TRIPLE FINE OVER BOOZE

Charles Haglund, 1503 Eighteenth street, Moline, an old offender, was fined three times more than he usually is when Magistrate Gustafson ordered him to pay \$10 for being drunk and disorderly, and a graver charge.

This time, Haglund was arrested yesterday at Sixteenth avenue and Seventeenth street. He was arrested two weeks ago on similar charges.

SURE WITHDRAWN

Attorneys in the case of C. C. Beal against the Burlington railroad have reached a settlement and the suit has been withdrawn from Moline city court. Beal sued for \$2,000, claiming he was injured and the automobile damaged in a collision with a Burlington train at First street in November, 1917.

RANSOM SPEAKER

Harry Ramson was speaker at this noon's meeting of the Moline Ad club. He spoke of direct mail advertising which he said "is in its infancy." Scope of its field, methods of preparing such literature and its effectiveness were treated in his talk. The club will not meet next week but on the succeeding week will have a "fun" program. William B. McIntyre of Rock Island will be a guest.

NEW SCARLETINA CASE

Sidney Grossman, 9, was quarantined today for scarlet fever. It is the sixth case this month. Sidney's home is at 826 Fifth avenue.

YOUR SWEETHEART

Wants a Christmas present. A pair of slippers will be very appropriate. Bert's Boot Shop.

STOCK MARKET VERY ERRATIC AND IRREGULAR

New York, Dec. 17.—The stock market today pursued an erratic course on the smallest dealings of the week. Independent steels and several of the oils, equipments and motors bore the brunt of an irregular reaction, excepting Crucible, which made more than full recovery and Republics, where shorts were driven to cover. Shippings and utilities were heavy, Atlantic Gulf losing 1 point and Peoples Gas 2, with renewed pressure against food and miscellaneous shares. Sears Roebuck breaking 3 1/2 points. Call money was freely supplied for the day and into next week at 7 per cent and exchange on London was at highest quotations in almost three months.

Liberty Bonds

New York, Dec. 17.—Prices of Liberty bonds at noon today were: 3 1/2s, 89.88; first 4s, 85.50; second 4s, 85.06; first 4 1/2s, 88.00; second 4 1/2s, 85.00; third 4 1/2s, 87.60; fourth 4 1/2s, 85.54; Victory 3 1/2s, 94.98; Victory 4 1/2s, 95.02.

Horses and Mules

East St. Louis, Ill., Dec. 17.—Horses and mules, unchanged.

Chicago Livestock

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Cattle receipts, 9,000; trade uneven; all classes around steady; beef steers, 7.00@11.40; about three hundred Canadian on sale; bulk vealers, 9.00@9.50; demand for mottled bulls narrower.

Hog receipts, 27,000; active lights, 25c to 35c higher; others, 15c to 25c higher than yesterday's average; top, one load, 9.50; butchers, 9.15 to 9.35; pigs, mostly 25c higher; bulk desirable, 80c to 130c-pound pigs, 9.40@9.50.

Sheep receipts, 11,000; fat lambs, 25c to 50c lower; top, 10.75 to 10.85; others, 15c to 25c lower; good ewes, 4.35; yearlings, 7.5c to 1.00 lower; choice 95-pound yearlings, 8.00; no feeder sales.

Kansas City Livestock

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 17.—Cattle: Receipts, 450; killing cattle and calves, mostly steady; a few bids unevenly lower; stockers and feeders dull.

Hogs: Receipts, 1,600; steady to 15c higher; top \$7.75; bulk, \$8.50 to 8.75; pigs, steady, bulk good and choice fat pigs, \$8.50 to 8.75.

Sheep: Receipts, 1,600; fat classes, nominal; feeding lambs, strong; early top, \$8.50.

Silver

New York, Dec. 17.—Bar silver; domestic, 99 1/2; foreign, 64; Mexican dollars, 49 1/2.

Peoria Cash Grain

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 17.—Corn: Receipts, 24 cars; 1c to 2c lower; No. 4 yellow, 68 to 69 1/2c; No. 5 yellow, 66c; No. 4 mixed, 65c.

Oats: Receipts 4 cars; unchanged; No. 2 white, 46c; No. 3 white, 45 1/2c; No. 4 white, 45 1/2c.

Peoria Livestock

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 17.—Hogs: Receipts, 1,500; 25c higher on opening; closed slow and weak; top, \$9.00; bulk, \$8.75 to \$9.00; lights, \$8.65 to \$8.95; mediums, \$8.70 to \$9.00; heavies, \$8.75 to \$9.00; packings, \$8.00 to \$8.35.

Cattle: Receipts, 150; calves, steady; others, weaker.

Weather Forecast

Illinois and Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature.

Wisconsin: Generally fair tonight and Saturday; slightly colder in west and north portions tonight.

Iowa: Fair tonight and probably Saturday; slightly colder in north-east portion tonight.

Indiana: Fair tonight and Saturday; except probably snow flurries near Lake Michigan; not much change in temperature.

Chicago Produce

Dec. 17, 1930.

BUTTER—Common extras 51
Standard 43 1/2
Firsts 47
Seconds 33 1/2

EGGS—Ordinaries 60 1/2
Firsts 63 1/2
Seconds 58 1/2

CHEESE—Twins 22 1/2

LIVE POULTRY—Poultry 16 1/2
Ducks 26
Geese 24
Springs 23
Turkeys 18
Roosters 18

POTATOES—Receipts 24 cars
Wisconsin-Minnesota 1.35@1.50

Chicago Futures

Dec. 17, 1930.

Wheat—Open. High. Low. Close.
March 1.59 1/2 1.64 1.59 1.64
May 1.52 1/2 1.59 1.52 1.58

Corn—May 68 71 63 71
July 69 73 63 73

Oats—May 46 48 46 48
July 47 48 47 47 1/2

Pork—Jan. 22.62 22.80 22.62 22.80
Lard—Jan. 13.30 13.42 13.27 13.42
May 12.47 12.67 12.47 12.65

Ribs—Jan. 11.50 11.55 11.37 11.45
May 11.90 12.05 11.90 12.02

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TODAY IN ALEDO AND MERCER COUNTY

WOMAN ASKING CASH BLM FOR LOSS OF LOVER

Trial Begun in Circuit Court of
Suit of Mrs. M. Mullen Against
John C. Gardner.

Trial of the suit of Mrs. M. Mullen of Peoria to recover \$5,000 damages from John C. Gardner of Viola for alleged breach of promise to marry is in